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COUNCIL BRIEFS - March 4, 2014

MEETING AT A GLANCE

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Community Enrichment Program Presentations

Twenty-six different community groups who are looking for financial assistance as part of the 2014 [Community Enrichment Program](#) made their presentations to council during this week's Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The Community Enrichment Program (CEP) annually provides funding to Whistler non-profit organizations or societies that are considered by council to contribute to the general interest and advantage of the community.

The Community Enrichment Program was created to support Whistler2020 – Whistler's comprehensive sustainability plan and vision.

In 2013, 26 applications were received totaling \$249,940 in grant requests, and the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) awarded \$136,976 in funding to 26 separate programs or non-profit organizations.

The budget allocated for the Community Enrichment Program in 2014 is \$146,000.

For a full list of presenters, see the Committee of the Whole [agenda](#).

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Chamber presents Spirit Engagement Strategy update

Val Litwin, Chief Executive Officer of the Whistler Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation and update regarding the

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Upcoming Meetings

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All council meetings are held at

Whistler Spirit Engagement Strategy. [View the presentation online.](#)

In 2013-2014, the program saw the “Highest likelihood to recommend” ever recorded scores across all levels of training. Other highlights for last year included new customized Sprit Talks, revamped and engaging website content and steady enrollment year over year in the program (4590 participants in 2013 and 4602 people in 2012).

The Spirit Program continues to be a key part of the community service strategy. Heading into 2014-16, the three-year program will continue to address the needs of the community and invigorate residents and business owners.

Year one deliverables will include three sector/segment specific training tracks and three additional engagement strategies.

This week, the program launched a social media campaign with the hash tag #TheMostStoked to engage and recognize those that “live it and give it” in Whistler. The strategy is designed to celebrate the very best of service-based culture in Whistler. Name tags will be available throughout Whistler Village. Nominate someone or yourself by picking up a name tag, taking a photo and submitting it to #TheMostStoked.

Visit www.whistlerchamber.com for more information.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Congratulations to Sea to Sky Athletes

The mayor congratulated all Team Canada Sea to Sky Olympic athletes, who competed in the 2014 Winter Games.

Fifteen men and women from the region qualified for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in events including alpine skiing, freestyle skiing, and snowboarding.

“Congratulations to our very own Marielle Thompson on winning an Olympic gold medal in ski cross. Your unbelievable performance all the way to the finish line was exhilarating, and we are so proud of your incredible talent and determination,” said the mayor.

“Congratulations as well to three-time Olympian Mike Janyk, who ranked sixteenth in the men’s slalom event. We are told that this was the last time that he will be racing in the Olympics. Mike is a true inspiration to the community and we look forward to celebrating with him, Marielle and all our athletes at a future welcome home ceremony.”

“We would also like to thank the Sea to Sky residents, who attended the 2014 Winter Games as officials, coaches, delegations, volunteers and spectators.”

Whistler receives Lucky Loonie to commemorate Olympic Gold

The mayor shared that the Resort Municipality of Whistler received a 2014 Lucky Loonie from the Royal Canadian Mint to commemorate Marielle Thompson’s 2014 gold medal win in Women’s Ski Cross Freestyle Skiing at the 2014 Winter Games.

Maurice Young Millennium Place, 4335 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, B.C., at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise advertised.

Click [here](#) for a schedule of upcoming council meetings.

Minutes of the Meeting

For minutes from past meetings, click [here](#). Council meeting minutes are posted online and are available at Municipal Hall once they are adopted by Council.

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Did You Know?

2014 Budget process

Each year, the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) conducts a substantial process to review performance, trends, plans and other factors, and to ultimately establish an updated Corporate Plan and budget.

The RMOW is committed to transparency and accountability in its financial and corporate planning, and to providing opportunities for community engagement.

Draft operating and project budgets will be presented at the March 18 regular meeting of council.

Email your budget and taxation questions and comments to budget@whistler.ca.

Visit www.whistler.ca/budget for ongoing information and updates.

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News from the Resort Municipality of Whistler

Keep informed about municipal programs and services.

News releases and community advisories are updated on the municipal website [here](#).

About Your Council

The coin is a special way for Canadians from coast to coast to coast to proudly remember the Canadian Olympic Team's accomplishments at the Games. The coin and letter will be on display at Municipal Mall.

2014 Games

As a mother of two Olympians, Britt and Mike, Councillor Andrée Janyk also echoed the mayor's sentiments regarding Sea to Sky athletes who competed in the 2014 Games. Janyk congratulated the Olympians as well as the younger Whistler athletes who are working towards their goals. She also thanked the local families, schools and the community as a whole for continuing to support young athletes throughout the corridor.

Whistler sends congratulations to local Paralympians

The mayor shared her congratulations and best wishes to the four Sea to Sky Paralympians who have all made Team Canada and will be competing in the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games.

They include: Tyler Mosher and John Leslie (who recently moved here from Ontario) in para-snowboard and Caleb Brousseau and Matt Hallat in para-alpine.

"We are honoured to have Tyler, John, Matt and Caleb representing the Sea to Sky," said the mayor. "We understand developments in the Ukraine and Russia are changing rapidly, and we wish the athletes good luck as they head into competition."

The Canada Paralympic Committee has stated this week that there are no plans to back out of the Games while the Canadian, American and British governments have all said they would not be sending politicians to Sochi for the opening ceremony as tensions continue to build between Russia and Ukraine.

Changes to Meadow Park Sports Centre Fees

The mayor shared that new rates are coming to Meadow Park Sports Centre on Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

The rates are part of a routine increase, as approved by council in spring 2013.

Start your spring training now. Purchase a new pass prior to the increase.

Visit www.whistler.ca/recreation or call 604-935-PLAY (7529) for new rate information.

Passing of Jonathan Unger

The mayor passed on her condolences to the family and friends of Whistler resident, Jonathan Unger, 29, who passed away last week after falling into a tree well while snowboarding near Pemberton.

This winter there have been two tree well fatalities in the Sea to Sky, one in bounds on Whistler Mountain in January and the other just last week in the Pemberton backcountry.

Learn more about the members of the Resort Municipality of Whistler Council by clicking [here](#).

Need to contact a member of Council regarding municipal affairs? Click [here](#) to find out how.

Contact Municipal Hall

Telephone and email contact information for Mayor, Council Members and departments at the Resort Municipality of Whistler are located at: www.whistler.ca/contact.

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The mayor urged those skiing and boarding to be reminded of the importance of mountain safety given the tragic incidents.

Poet's Pause Poetry Competition and Mayor's Poetry Challenge

The Resort Municipality of Whistler Public Art Committee invites writers to submit original poems to the sixth annual Poet's Pause Poetry Competition.

Poems are commissioned for display at the Poet's Pause sculpture sites in Alta Lake Park and, as part of the Mayor's Poetry Challenge, and will be read at a municipal council meeting in April to celebrate National Poetry Month.

Details are available at www.whistler.ca/poetspause and at Municipal Hall.

The deadline for submission is March 31.

Budget Process Update

A Budget Community open house took place on February 25. The mayor thanked residents and business owners who participated.

The open house provided an opportunity for council and staff to share information about the municipal financial planning process, and factors affecting the 2014 budget and Corporate Plan, including results of the 2013 corporate performance indicators.

These performance results demonstrated areas where the community and organization are doing well, as well as areas that are in need of ongoing improvement.

"As an organization, we are continuously measuring our performance to ensure that we are meeting the priorities of our community," said the mayor.

If you missed the open house, a virtual open house is available online at www.whistler.ca/budget.

Email your budget and taxation questions and comments to budget@whistler.ca.

Draft operating and project budgets will be presented at the March 18 regular meeting of council.

Pacific Pension Institute 2014 Whistler Roundtable

The mayor was invited to attend the Pacific Pension Institute 2014 Whistler Roundtable last week at the Westin.

The Pacific Pension Institute is a nonprofit educational organization, which assists pension funds, corporations, financial institutions and endowments worldwide with carrying out their fiduciary responsibilities, especially with respect to Asia and the Pacific region.

Stuart Rempel from Whistler Blackcomb and the mayor participated in the roundtable. Participants were interested to learn more about Whistler's unique history as a resort

community, how the resort has adapted to changes as well as the work being done in the community to plan for the future.

New Council Volunteer Recognition Program

The mayor announced an updated Council-led Volunteer Recognition Program, which will include two components: the Whistler Civic Service Awards and Council Recognition Event.

The Whistler Civic Service Awards will be awarded to individuals that have served the municipality by contributing to a committee, task force, or board. Up to five awards will be given out annually at a regularly scheduled council meeting. Further details will be available soon. "Council is looking forward to recognizing outstanding individuals who have volunteered their time to municipal decision-making and have made lasting impacts on the community," said the mayor.

The Council Recognition Event will be held in an updated format from past years. It was historically a dinner event and going forward, we will host a reception-style event. The program includes an annual reception hosted by council to recognize all individuals that have contributed to Committees of Council throughout the year. The change of event aims to involve improve the mingling and networking opportunities of all guests. The reception will take place in spring 2014.

The Kathy Barnett Leadership Luncheon

The Kathy Barnett Leadership Luncheon will take place this Friday, March 7 at the Westin Whistler Resort and Spa.

The theme of this year's event is "Empowering for Change" with guest speaker Theresa Laurico. The luncheon has raised over \$65,000 for the Kathy Barnett Memorial Fund over the years, and supports women in the community with educational grants.

Sea to Sky mentors will include:

- Jordan Sturdy, MLA West Vancouver-Sea to Sky
- Val Litwin, CEO, Whistler Chamber of Commerce
- Claire Ogilvie, Editor, Pique Newsmagazine
- Sheila Kirkwood, Fire Chief, Whistler Fire Rescue Service
- Barrett Fisher, President and CEO, Tourism Whistler
- Among others.

Tickets are still available. Visit www.whistlerchamber.com/events for more information or to buy your tickets.

Empty Bowls Foodbank Fundraiser

The mayor congratulated the Whistler Pottery Club, who held a very successful Empty Bowls Foodbank Fundraiser at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre on February 21.

Local potters contributed well over 100 beautiful bowls and the event raised \$3,725.00 for food banks in the Sea to Sky corridor.

Upcoming sporting events:

The mayor shared a few exciting upcoming sporting events that will be taking place in Whistler this March and April:

- The province's best bobsleigh, skeleton and luge athletes will take to the track at the Whistler Sliding Centre this month with the **BC Bobsleigh and Skeleton provincial championships** March 15-16 and the **BC Luge Association championships** March 15-16.
- The 2014 Canadian **Alpine Championships** on Whistler Mountain feature national alpine and para-alpine events in March, while the ski cross competitors take to the slopes in April.
- Whistler Olympic Park will host the **National Championships for Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined** March 27-29 and the **Woppet** cross country ski event March 30.

For more information on these events, visit www.whistler.com/events.

Council Appointments

The mayor shared that during the closed meeting earlier in the day, council appointed two people to the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee.

Council appointed Brenton Smith to a two-year term as food and beverage sector (restaurants) representative. The restaurant sector representative provides input and recommendations on the potential impact of licensing decisions and liquor policies on existing restaurants and on customer service in the resort community.

Council also appointed Colin Hedderson to a two-year term as accommodation sector representative.

The accommodation sector representative provides input and recommendations on the potential impact of licensing decisions and liquor policies on hotels and other accommodations, and on customer service in the resort community.

"Thanks to all members of our committees of council who dedicate their time to important community work," said the mayor.

More detailed information about [committees of council](#) is available on the municipal website.

Karuizawa faces challenges

The mayor shared that Whistler's Sister City, Karuizawa, has experienced record-breaking snow levels in the city.

According to Mayor Fujimaki, more than 400 vehicles were trapped on national roadways when the snow started falling and numerous families were trapped in their homes.

Emergency services were deployed and as of last week, Mayor Fujimaki advised that the situation in Karuizawa was returning to normal, and that there was no loss of life as a result of the extreme snow fall.

Karuizawa students will arrive in Whistler later this month as part of the annual [Sister City Exchange Program](#).

Whistler High School to perform *The Wizard of Oz*

Councillor John Grills shared that students from Whistler Secondary School will be performing *The Wizard Oz* at Millennium Place on March 6 at 7 p.m. and encouraged everyone to support the students and take in the performance. Tickets are available at the box office or at www.artswhistler.com.

Management Plan Amendment for the Spearhead Area of Garibaldi Park

Councillor Jayson Faulkner shared that on March 3, BC Parks announced that the [Management Plan Amendment for the Spearhead Area of Garibaldi Park](#) has been approved and is available for viewing on the BC Parks website. The new management plan provides more information about mountain biking and other topics. Residents are encouraged to view the plan online.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Plans solidified for Whistler's 2014 Festivals, Events and Animation program

The 2014 Festivals, Events and Animation (FE&A) programming is moving ahead following council's endorsement during the March 4 regular meeting of council, with a robust line-up of events including the introduction of a May Long Weekend festival, moving Vancouver Symphony Orchestra concerts to early July, moving the IRONMAN Canada race to July 27, and investing in third party events.

During the presentation to council, representatives from Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) staff outlined how this year's program has been informed by successes and findings from previous years. The event line-up is composed of a mix of Original Programming; Attract, Retain, Augment investments; and Animation throughout the year.

"The due diligence of the resort partners involved in the strategic planning of this year's program is evident in the strong event line-up, including carefully considered investments into third-party programming," said Whistler Mayor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden.

The total budget for the 2014 FE&A program is \$3,160,000 and is funded through the Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI). Planning for the overall 2014 FE&A program began earlier this year and has been underway since August 2013, when the FE&A Working Group and Oversight Committee undertook an evidence-based strategic planning process to identify key facts, research findings and issues.

Initial plans for the 2014 FE&A program were presented to council in October 2013, at which time council approved early funding of \$1,200,000 from RMI reserves to deploy for planning and programming from October 2013 through May 2014 in advance of provincial confirmation of the 2014 RMI program in the spring.

Since that time, the Working Group and Oversight Committee have continued to confirm many aspects of the FE&A program, such as event dates, contracts and Attract, Retain and Augment investments into third-party programming.

Original programming this year includes the new May Long Weekend festival—GO Fest! - Whistler's Great Outdoor

Festival—the event supports the goals and objectives of the May Long Weekend Committee. Planning for the Whistler Presents Summer Concert Series is underway, with the concert line-up announcements coming in late spring. The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra is also moving the dates for its public concert series in Whistler from late July to early July, including Canada Day and the following weekend.

Attract, Retain, Augment investments into third-party programming followed a similar process to last year. For 2014 the FE&A program will invest in 11 events (including two Test & Development events), down from 12 last year. FE&A investments in third-party events are based on the likelihood of the FE&A investment achieving FE&A goals and delivering incremental benefits to Whistler. Investment decisions are made following a rigorous process to ensure alignment with the Whistler brand, quality of program and benefits to the resort.

Highlights of the enhanced winter Animation component of the FE&A program in 2014 are the expanded Family Après evenings, increased Fire and Ice shows and the Winter Games Celebrations that took place during the 2014 Sochi Winter Games.

The FE&A program has contributed to growth in occupancy throughout the resort since 2011. Summer 2013 was a record-breaking summer, with occupancy at over 90 per cent on several weekends.

Enhanced marketing campaigns for the entire 2014 FE&A program will launch in late spring.

2014 Whistler FE&A Calendar highlights (as at March 4, 2014)*

World Ski and Snowboard Festival – April 11-20
GO Fest, Whistler's Great Outdoors Festival – May 16-19
Tough Mudder – June 21-22
Vancouver Symphony Orchestra – July 1-5
Whistler Presents Summer Concert Series – June 28 & 29;
August 22, 23, 29, 30, 31
Whistler Children's Festival – July 12-13
Subaru IRONMAN Canada – July 27
Wanderlust Whistler – July 31-Aug 4
Crankworx– August 8-17
RBC GranFondo Whistler – September 6
Spirit Within Festival – September 19-21
Whistler Reader's and Writer's Festival – October 17-19
Cornucopia Food and Wine Festival – November 6-16
Whistler Film Festival – December 3-7
Whistler Presents: The Holiday Experience – December holiday season
Whistler Presents: New Year's Eve Celebration – December 31

*There are hundreds of events in Whistler annually. A regularly updated calendar of events is available on www.whistler.com/events.

May Long Weekend Committee Update

Norm McPhail, Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) General Manager, Corporate and Community Services, presented council with a May Long Weekend Committee update. The May Long Weekend Committee will focus on the enforcement component of the May Long Weekend.

Members of the committee include representatives from the food and beverage industry, Hotel Association of Whistler, RCMP, Whistler Council and the RMOW. The committee will also work with resort partners including the Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Whistler, Whistler Blackcomb, Hotel Association, Bar and Nightclubs Association, Restaurant Association, Sea to Sky and Lower Mainland RCMP, Public Library, Museum and Arts Council as well as RMOW RCMP, Bylaw, Fire, FE&A and Parks.

The committee met on February 24, 2014 at Municipal Hall and reviewed the history, goals, initiatives, challenges and next steps for the May Long Weekend.

The committee considered and discussed the overall planning for this key weekend. Committee suggestions and considerations included:

- Strategies to prevent criminal interests in Whistler
- Re-focus young adult celebrations beyond liquor primary rites of passage
- Appeal to a more diverse recreational audience over the long term
- Police road checks are an essential crime prevention tool on the highway
- Engage accommodation providers on festival offerings and crime prevention strategies
- Accountability process for providers of accommodations for unsupervised minors
- Morning and daytime security patrols of the Village
- Police presence at and around each night club
- Consider all resort offerings and partners in the planning process
- Police monitoring of house parties and external to village events
- Engage community liaison resources to understand cultural aspects
- Police and accommodation strategy to assist with Inn Keepers Act
- Early police and security intervention with problem offenders
- Communication strategy to reinforce goals for this weekend

The next meeting will take place on March 10, 2014. For more information about the committee, visit www.whistler.ca/may-long-weekend-committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Liquor hours of sale extended for WSSF

Council has authorized extended hours of liquor sale to 4 a.m. on the night of April 12 and 19, 2014 for special events at the Whistler Conference Centre as part of the World Ski and Snowboard Festival (WSSF).

Council also provided authorization for staff to support Tourism Whistler's application to the province's Liquor Control and Licensing Branch for a temporary change to the Whistler Conference Centre liquor license for the events.

The Whistler Detachment of the RCMP has been involved in the ongoing planning for the festival and will have adequate policing resources throughout the festival. Watermark Communications, who is producing the event, in partnership with Whistler

Blackcomb and Tourism Whistler, has committed to pay for additional policing resources that may be necessary to manage the late night events. The RCMP supports the application for extended closing hours to 4 a.m. for the two DJ events on April 12 and 19.

The proposed measures should mitigate the potential for noise and disturbances from patrons leaving the late night events. Council has previously authorized 4 a.m. closing times at the Conference Centre for WSSF events (2008 – 2013) and for WinterPRIDE events (2009 – 2014), and there were no negative impacts on the community.

RMOW to amend Business License Bylaw

Council gave first, second and third reading to Business Licence Amendment Bylaw No. 2040, 2014. The amendment will replace the existing business licence application form with a revised form that is easier to understand and is intended to improve the application process for customers.

There are no financial impacts to the municipality as a result of the proposed bylaw amendments. Once the amendment is adopted, the revised forms will be available via the municipal website.

Parking and Traffic Bylaw to be amended

Council gave first, second and third reading to Parking and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 2041, 2014. The amendment will reinstate winter parking regulations, which were deleted during the 2010 Winter Games to allow the Resort Municipality of Whistler to post special regulations during the Games.

The proposed amendments are consistent with the powers set out in Section 124 of the *Motor Vehicle Act*. There are no financial impacts to the municipality as a result of the proposed bylaw amendments.

Council provides exemption for 8488 Bear Paw Trail

Council provided an exemption for 8488 Bear Paw Trail from the flood level construction requirement of Zoning Bylaw 303, which will allow for the construction of a new dwelling on the property.

The subject property is located on the west side of the Rainbow Subdivision, near the top of Bear Paw Trail adjacent to the fire truck turnaround. A tributary of Baxter Creek flows near the west corner of the parcel.

The bylaw regulation for flood proofing includes a 15-metre setback from the natural boundary of the tributary to Baxter Creek. The proposed detached dwelling is intended to be approximately 12 metres from the creek, three metres short of the regulations set out in the bylaw. The construction is consistent with the second bylaw requirement in that the area used for habitation or storage of goods be no lower than 1.5-metres above the natural boundary of the tributary to the creek.

An engineering review has determined that the property is safe for the intended use.

Zoning for Old Hostel Site to be amended

The parcel of property located at 5678 Alta Lake Road, commonly known as the Old Hostel Site, was part of a zoning amendment approved by council that will see an increase in clarity regarding permitted uses in the Leisure Recreation 6 (LR6) zone. [View the presentation online.](#)

The current LR6 zone is unique to the 5678 Alta Lake parcel and permits a hostel, auxiliary dwelling units, auxiliary buildings, park and playground uses as well as detached dwellings.

Council gave first and second reading to the zoning amendment bylaw to allow for the addition of 'assembly' and 'concession' as permitted uses. For all of the years that hostel was the primary use of this site, 'assembly' and 'concession' would have been considered permitted auxiliary uses to the hostel designation. However, now that there is no longer active hostel use on this site, 'assembly' and 'concession' will be added to the list of permitted uses within the LR6 zone as independent and formally permitted uses (i.e. no longer tied as auxiliary uses to the 'hostel' use).

The Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) has managed the property since 2010, continuing residential rental arrangements on-site as well making the lodge available to support arts and cultural programming conducted by the Pointe Artist Run Centre. The RMOW anticipates that the site will continue to be used to support arts and culture workshops, as well as learning and education initiatives similar to the art classes and literary/cultural activities hosted over the last few summers at both the Alta Lake Station House and the Old Hostel Site.

Municipal Ticket Bylaw amended to support new Environmental Protection Bylaw

Council gave first, second and third reading to Municipal Ticket Information System Implementation Amendment Bylaw No. 2002, 2012.

The purpose of the amendment is to add the ticketable offenses for the Environmental Protection Bylaw No. 2000, 2012 to the Municipal Ticket Information System Implementation Bylaw No. 1719, 2005 and revise the title sections of the schedules.

Adding the ticketable offenses to the Environmental Protection Bylaw completes the process to enable the bylaw which supports policies related to protection of the natural environment in the Official Community Plan.

This step allows designated RMOW Bylaw Services enforcement officers to issue tickets related to infractions against the Environmental Protection Bylaw No. 2000, 2012, which was adopted later during the meeting.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Council received minutes from the Forest and Wildland Committee meeting of January 8, 2014. The minutes were received and referred to staff regarding the suggestion to have parking available at Brandywine Falls.

BYLAWS FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING

Council gave first and second reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw (LR6 Zone – 5678 Alta Lake Road) No. 2039, 2014. The purpose of the amendment is to amend the LR6 Zone to include “assembly” and “concession” as permitted uses. See details in administrative reports section.

BYLAWS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING

Council gave first, second and third reading to **Business Licence Amendment Bylaw No. 2040, 2014**. The purpose of the amendment is to replace the current schedule B (the current business license application form) with a new one. See details in administrative reports section.

Council gave first, second and third reading to **Parking and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 2041, 2014**. The purpose of the amendment is to insert section 3 (1) which pertains to winter parking regulations; and to delete section 11 and replace it with revised wording. The revised wording will amend the bylaw to be consistent with the addition of section 3 (1) with respect to “commercial vehicle” parking. See details in administrative reports section.

Council gave first, second and third reading to **Municipal Ticket Information System Implementation Amendment Bylaw No. 2002, 2013**. The purpose of the amendment is to add the ticketable offenses for the Environmental Protection Bylaw No. 2000, 2012 to the Municipal Ticket Information System Implementation Bylaw No. 1719, 2005 and revise the title sections of the schedules. See details in administrative reports section.

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

Council adopted Environmental Protection Bylaw No. 2000, 2012. The purpose of the bylaw is to protect streams and trees in the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

During the **February 18** regular council meeting, council received a report regarding the bylaw, approved its implementation plan, and gave first, second and third readings to the bylaw.

The bylaw was first presented to council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 3, 2013. The RMOW hosted an information open house on January 20, 2014, where the proposed bylaw was presented and community members were invited to learn more about the process.

The Environmental Protection Bylaw is being introduced via a phased approach. Phase I of the Environmental Protection Bylaw was introduced to the community through January and February 2014 and included the sections related to streams and drainage works, and trees.

Phase II of the Environmental Protection Bylaw will be introduced to the community through March and April, and brought to council in May 2014. It will include the ability to request removal of invasive species and to enforce Development Permit conditions for the protection of the natural environment.

For more information, visit: www.whistler.ca/environmental-protection-bylaw.

OTHER BUSINESS

Four-year term for local elections

Council put forward a motion to write to the Liberal Government and the NDP opposition advising that Whistler council is not in favour of the proposed changes to legislation, which would see that municipal elections are held every four years instead of three.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council received correspondence from:

- Karen Thomson and Alisdair Macaulay, received February 12, 2014, requesting assistance regarding their unit in the Rise in Cheakamus Crossing. The letter was received and referred to the Whistler2020 Development Corporation (WDC).
- Peter Hamilton, Director of Liferforce, received February 23, 2014, regarding the Olympic legacy of animal abuses. The letter was received.
- Brian Wolfgang Becker dated February 19, 2014, regarding comments on the Spirit Tree Functional Art Installations. The letter was received.
- Greg Moore, Chair of the Metro Vancouver Board, and Malcolm Brodie, Chair of the Zero Waste Committee, dated February 12, 2014, requesting support for the "Metro Vancouver Waste Flow Management and the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Recyclable Material Regulatory Bylaw No. 280." The letter was received.

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